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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 2134 Examiner: Matthew Heneghan

In re Application of: Diheng Qu et al.

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For: A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR OPTIMIZING FIREWALL PROCESSING

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2003, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.